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11 June 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, National Foreign
Assessment Center

VIA: Director, Office of Economic Research

FROM:
Chief, Development and Analysis Center, OER

SUBJECT: Request to Give a Briefing

1. Charles Mylander--a professor at the US Naval Academy--asked me to give a ten-minute "retrospective view" of the CIA's 1977 oil paper. This is not the Soviet oil paper; instead, it is the first in a series of unclassified analyses of the oil market, which the Agency began publishing in 1977.

2. The paper that Mylander is interested in is totally unclassified. It was distributed in thousands of copies. It involves a very simple model of the energy market, in which the demand for energy is seen as a function of economic growth.

3. My discussion will not be a defense of the Agency's Soviet oil estimates. The objective of Mylander's workshop (as stated on the attached brochure) is to explore "what lessons can be learned to improve the quality of energy studies and forecasts."

4. My remarks will focus on the relative merits of simple models such as the one used in 1977, versus the much more complicated, general-equilibrium structures developed under contract to the Department of Energy. I do not intend to criticize the alternative models. Instead, I would like to point out that different models serve different purposes, and that ours was reasonably adequate for the limited analytical problem we addressed in 1977.



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Program

Thursday, June 18, 1981

3:00 - 4:00 Registration — University Club/Kaiser Room

4:00 - 5:30 Session 1: Energy Analysis in Support of the Development of Policy: Its Past and Future

Session Chairman: Bruce Pasternack, Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc.

Frederick Murphy and Mark Rodekohr, Applied Analysis, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy
The Project Independence Blueprint and National Energy Outlook Studies and Their View of the 1980's

Jerry Blankenship and Michael Barron, Policy and Evaluation, Department of Energy
Macro Impacts of Oil Supply Disruptions: Past Efforts and Current Treatments

Charles Fisk, Central Intelligence Agency
A Retrospective View of the 1977 CIA Energy Outlook

Walter W. Schroeder, Planning, Synthetic Fuels Corporation
The Role of Energy Analysis in the Public Policy Process

5:30

Break

5:45 - 7:15

Session 2: A Retrospective View of Energy Models

Session Chairman: Kenneth C. Hoffman, MATHTECH, Inc.

Jerry M. Eyster, Energy Information Validation, Energy Information Administration
Data and Coal Supply Modeling — or How to Dress for Success When All You Have Are Fig Leaves

Barry G. Silverman, The George Washington University
A Comparative Analysis of Two Large Scale Electric Utility Models

Phil Childress, Energy Consultant
Design, Development and Use of the Short-term Integrative Forecasting System (STIFS)

7:15

Dinner followed by Panel/Audience Discussion: Energy Analysis — Has it been useful? Does it have a future?

Chairman: Charles Mylander, Applied Science Department, U.S. Naval Academy
Leadoff Remarks: Bruce Pasternack, Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc.

Kenneth C. Hoffman, MATHTECH, Inc.

NCAC/IAEE Technical Workshop ENERGY ANALYSIS: A Retrospective View

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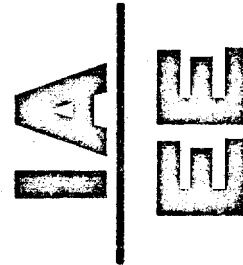
Registration fee includes dinner

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Ms. Anne Roland
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1515 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22209

International Association of
Energy Economists
National Capital Area Chapter
Technical Workshop
ENERGY ANALYSIS:
A Retrospective View

June 18, 1981
Registration Starts at 3:00 PM

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
MARVIN CENTER
Between H & I Streets on 21st Street, N.W.
3rd Floor
Washington, D.C.



WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

Many people have been involved in energy-policy analysis and energy forecasting since 1973. This workshop reassesses some of the studies done in the last decade in light of the dramatic events affecting the energy markets in the past 3 years. What lessons can be learned to improve the quality of energy studies and forecasts? What lessons can be drawn about the development, use, and management of models used by energy analysts? Were the published energy studies useful to policy planners and consumers of energy?

Directions to Parking:

Parking is available in the Marvin Center - entrance on H Street, just west of 21st Street. Additional parking in the University Center garage - entrance on I Street just west of 22nd Street. Proceed to the 3rd floor of Marvin Center and follow the signs.

Also, 2 blocks from Foggy Bottom Metro Stop.

WORKSHOP COMMITTEE:

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